REPORTS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

SHRI R. K. DHAWAN (Andhra Pradesh) : I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Public Accounts Committee :—

(i) Forty-first Report on action taken on 136th Report (8th Lok Sabha) on Income escaping assessment.

(ii) Forty-third Report on action taken on 169th Report (8th Lok Sabha) on Heavy Water Plant, Tuticorin.

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA

The Multimodal Transportation of Goods Bill, 1992

SECRETARY-GENERAL : Madam, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha signed by the Secretary General of the Lok Sabha :

"I am directed to inform Rajya Sabha that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on Wednesday, the 3rd March, 1993, adopted the following motion in regard to the Multimodal Transportation of Goods Bill, 1992 which was passed by Rajya Sabha on the 22nd December, 1992 and laid on the Table of Lok Sabha on the 23rd December, 1992 :—

MOTION

'That leave be granted to withdraw the Multimodal Transportation of Goods Bill, 1992 which was passed by Rajya Sabha on the 22nd December, 1992 and laid on the Table of Lok Sabha on the 23rd December, 1992'.

Thereafter, the Bill was withdrawn."

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : Madam, I move :

"That in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) read with sub-rule (1) of rule 4 of the National Shipping Board Rules, 1960, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, two members from among the members of the House to be members of the National Shipping Board."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

STATEMENT REGARDING MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS ORDINANCE, 1993

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) explaining the circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by the Multimodal Transportation of Goods Ordinance, 1993.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 3505/93].

THE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS BILL, 1993

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the regulation of the multimodal transportation of goods, from any place in India to a place outside India, on the basis of a multimodal transport contract and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Madam, I introduce the Bill.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh) : I am on a point of order. Madam, under article 365 of the Constitution...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : But for a point of order, there is no discussion.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : May I make a submission ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Yes.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : This House had adopted a Resolution last December on the steps that should be taken to maintain communal harmony in the country. And it was in pursuance of that that the 25th February rally was banned. On 21st March, the rally of the BJP...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : But you can't have, Mr. Subramanian Swamy, I will tell you, as such a senior Member of this House... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : It is such an urgent matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I know it is urgent. But the matters cannot be raised... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : But what about the BJP rally at Madras ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Just a minute. It cannot be raised as a point of order because a point of order can be raised if there is some discussion. There is no discussion before me.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Yes, there is no discussion. But I will explain that.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : There is no discussion before me and I am going to take the special mentions.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Between the Question Hour and the regular agenda, the question of a point of order will arise... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu) : Madam, it is a State matter and he cannot be... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY) : How can you allow a communal rally when the Constitution really says...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : A point of information... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : He raised it day before yesterday.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : A point of information you may raise.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : But how can he raise a State matter ? Allowing or not allowing a rally is a State matter..... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : The rally is a violation of the Resolution passed by Parliament.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now, that matter is... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : They are allowing a rally... (Interruptions)

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Allowing a rally or not is a State matter. How can he raise a State matter ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : These matters have been taken many times. Now, that is over... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : You cannot raise a State matter... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : The Constitution is very clear. The Centre can give a direction... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : For the last two days, he has been raising the same matter... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : What is happening ? Please take your seat... (*Interruptions*) Mr. Narayanasamy, please take your seat... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry) : It is disturbing the law and order in the State of Tamil Nadu... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Law and order is the problem of the State Government. How can it be taken up here ?

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : The Centre should give a direction... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN (Tamil Nadu) : The rallies should not be allowed to be held in the South... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Trivedi, what are you saying ? (*Interruptions*) Order... (*Interruptions*) Please that

matter is closed. Please sit down... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : The Centre can give directions to the State Government under article 365 and they should give a direction under article 365.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Let the Government do it... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN : We want to know... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : It is not my duty to send directions.. (*Interruptions*)

Re-Misleading propaganda by Pakistan Television on Satallite T. V.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : (Gujarat) : Madam. I want to raise an issue which, I am sure, the entire House cutting across party lines, would support. Madam, recently, Pakistan Television—I don't know whether it is through any kind of a STAR system or whatever it is—blatantly telecasts every day—PTV-2 is the caption which I see, and this, I understand, is beamed by Pakistan Television—and, Madam, what concerns me most is the kind of propaganda that they are making, specially on Kashmir which is our land, and the people of Kashmir are being misled with this propaganda, with this humbug. Madam, if this continues, it is going to have an adverse effect not only on the people of Kashmir but on the entire country. I would like to have a statement from the Home Minister and the Information and Broadcasting Minister. Madam, our own satellite, INSAT, is so very powerful. I don't understand why we are not using our own facility, why we are not even commercialising that. Why do we have to depend on STAR TV, PTV-2, etc.? Madam, I appreciate the right to information. I am totally for the right to information. But the people cannot be given the right to disinformation. This is a design by Pakistan and I am sure the entire House will associate with me in condemning this and we would like to have a statement from the Government, if possible today itself, as to what action they are taking against this and to curb this.

* Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

RE-DEMAND FOR STATEMENT ON THE REPORTED INVOLVEMENT OF PRIME MINISTER'S SON'S COMPANY IN THE SECURITIES SCAM

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan) : Madam, yesterday I had raised a matter relating to the Prime Minister's son's company and the Government has not come with a statement so far. The Government's silence is deafening... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra) : It is a special matter and it is pending for the last three days... (*Interruptions*)...For the last three days, we have been raising this issue... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह (बिहार) : हमने मांग की थी कि प्रधानमंत्री आकर इस सदन में बयान दें लेकिन न तो प्रधानमंत्री की तरफ से कोई बयान आया, न सरकार की तरफ से कोई बयान आया । मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि सदन की मर्यादा रखी जाएगी या नहीं ।

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry) : JPC will take care of it... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : It is not about JPC... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : They have been raising this issue for the last three days... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Madam, I want your ruling... (*Interruptions*). I want your ruling, Madam... (*Interruptions*)..

श्री विष्णुकांत शास्त्री (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया, यह पक्षपात नहीं होना चाहिए ... (**व्यवधान**) प्रधानमंत्री को स्पष्टीकरण देना चाहिए ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Minister is saying something... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह : जे.पी.सी. का यह मतलब नहीं है कि प्रधानमंत्री का लड़का लूट ले जाए इस देश को ... (**व्यवधान**) जैसे और लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया गया, आज उसी तरह प्रधानमंत्री का लड़का * भी गिरफ्तार होना चाहिए (**व्यवधान**) ...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Their own Member is there in the JPC.... (*Interruptions*)... Madam, their Member

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